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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RAPE

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On November 14, EconPolOff delivered reftel demarche to Elisabeth Riederer, MFA Director for International Gender Issues, and thanked the GoA for its co-sponsorship of the UN resolution on Condemning the Use of Rape as an Instrument of State Policy. Having just spoken with the Austrian delegation in New York, Riederer conveyed that this resolution will likely be voted on tomorrow and the outcome is still uncertain. She remains hopeful that it will be adopted by consensus without amendment. She also stated that this issue is very important to Austria and it has worked hard to keep the text from being diluted through more generalized language.
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